Remarks

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 USC 121 to one of the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-9 and 18-21, drawn to a magnetic head incliding a head housing, classified in class 360, subclass 129.

Group II: Claims 10-17 and 22-29, drawn to a magnetic head including a head surface structure detail, classified in class 360, subclass 122.

Applicant elects the invention of claims 1-9 and 18-21 of Group I without traverse.

Applicant believes that the elected claims are in proper condition for allowance and respectfully requests the Examiner's further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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